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November



*To help Grandparents Pass on the faith
and keep prayer at the heart of family
life*



My Very Dear Grandparents and Friends,

We are delighted to welcome you to our November Newsletter supporting Grandparents in passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life.

In this special month dedicated to reflection and gratitude, we remember all our loved ones who have gone before us, who have loved us and done so much for us in so many ways.

May your hearts be filled with the warmth of family, faith, and cherished memories.

Embrace the spirit of thanksgiving and continue to be pillars of love and wisdom in your family's journey.

May the blessings of St. Joachim and St. Anne be with each and every one of you today and always.



With love and prayers

Catherine Wiley

Founder of The Catholic Grandparents Association

Pope's November prayer intention



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In his prayer intention for November, Pope Francis prays that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter might find consolation in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

“There are no words” that can console a parent who has lost a child, Pope Francis says in the video-message for his November prayer intention. Although we have words for those who have lost spouses or parents, there’s not word for those who have lost their children.

[Read more...](#)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FROM THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION



'EVERYTHING GOD HAS CREATED IS GOOD, AND NO FOOD IS TO
BE REJECTED, PROVIDED IT IS RECEIVED WITH THANKSGIVING.
THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER MAKE IT HOLY.'

1 TIM 4:4.



THERE IS A CANDLE LIGHTING
FOR YOUR FAMILY INTENTIONS AT THE
SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK IN
IRELAND AND THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY
IN WALSINGHAM



The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is observed annually on December 3rd.

A National Day of Prayer

"Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future."



By Marcia Helten

Advent is the Time for Waiting and Preparing

December 1st marks Advent, the beginning of the Church's new liturgical year. Advent means "arrival" or "coming". During this time, we spend time preparing ourselves for the coming of the baby Jesus at Christmas. We also wait in anticipation for the second coming of Jesus, at the Parousia (par-uh-see-uh), when God will be all in all. Here is one way to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season with your grandchildren or great grandchildren.

Here are the things you will need to get your prayer table ready:

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Bambinelli Sunday December 15th

A beautiful advent tradition Bambinelli Sunday, Blessing The Christ Child

The beautiful Advent Tradition, Bambinelli Sunday, was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peters Square where they are blessed by the Pope. Then, following the Sunday Angelus address, the Holy Father blesses the statues of Baby Jesus which the children will take back to homes to be placed under their Christmas trees ..

All children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed. Families can make their own 'Bambinelli' if they wish. Pope Francis has continued the tradition, blessing the statuettes which children bring before him in the Square. Parishes around the world now join in the celebration, encouraging young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend.

"It helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus."

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it and open it as a family on Christmas morning where the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib.

A gift of the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas.

This year we will celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' on December the 15th.

On Bambinelli Sunday, Pope Francis has a message for children "Dear Children, listen carefully:

When you pray before your Nativity Scene, remember to pray also for me as I shall remember you. I

thank you heartily-and have a Merry Christmas."

Gaudete Sunday

The third Sunday of advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the day when we light the pink candle on the advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasise our joy that Christmas is near. Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of "break" when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Read more and download our Parish poster](#)



GRANDPARENTS FAITH CAFÉ
spiritual space for Grandparents
will be on
er 2024 at
the UK
(mes)
Special Guest
Father Lambert Ramos
THEME:
What I did for Love
Self-registration is now open
www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

What I did for Love

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Faith Café on Tuesday 12th November it was truly wonderful to see everyone with our guest speaker **Father Lambert Ramos** with the

theme "**What I did for Love**",

Which was the most amazing, wonderful, inspirational account of a life, a blessed life, well spent and spent through love.

Also welcoming Sharon Wizell's talk on "What I gave up for Love" which was truly inspiring, do watch our Faith Café if you missed it, on the link below.

We look forward to our next session on Tuesday 10th December.

If you would like to watch our November Faith Café subscribe to our newsletter

Inspiring Faith Café Quotes

"Father Ramos, to have said that he learned the rosary before he

could walk. I think basically that everything you said teaches us that we have to live in the moment, concentrate on what we can do, not what's gone wrong and what we haven't been able to do, because at this stage of our lives, we all know, it's not until you get much later on in life, I think, that you don't really know who you are".

Catherine Wiley

"Please! There is only one word to express correctly what love is. And what is that? Next, It is grace. For that reason, the Holy Spirit must always be with us. And how do we do that? We keep on praying for this grace. Because loving a person who has become cranky, it would be difficult unless we are given grace by God to be able to bear with one another, to be patient, to be kind to one another, to make them be, to make us be, to participate in our being. That is grace.."

Father Lambert Ramos

"We will call our talk Kor Adkor L' Kwitur. The heart speaks to the heart. A call to life, a call to love, live to love, love for love. This is not my journey alone, but our journey. And we will do this together, shoulder to shoulder, in a mutual voyage of discovery."

Father Lambert Ramos

FORGIVENESS

- We have to forgive **over and over again**.

Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”

Matthew 18:21-22

I → **THOU**

There is only one word to express correctly what LOVE is:

It is....GRACE!!



LOVE IS...

Patient
Kind
Trusting
Hoping
Persevering
Truthful
Protective

Making oneself available in the
service of the other

1 Cor 13:4-8

Our next Faith Café



Save the Date

DR KEITH
CHAPPELL

Register for our Next Faith Café

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☐☐ Marilyn Henry, CGA International
Ministry Coordinator

had the honor of being invested as a Dame in the Order of Malta at St. Patrick Cathedral, New York, New York, USA, on November 15, 2024.



Pictured:

Dames and Knights American Association, US, 2024

Blessing of the Robes and Capes

Homily, Bishop William D. Byne, Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts, US.

Presentation Malta Cross, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Diocese of New York, New York, US.

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes, and Malta is a Catholic lay religious order that seeks to glorify God by promoting the spiritual welfare of each lay member through his/her work with the sick and the poor and his/her defense of the faith.

One of the oldest institutions of the Western world, the Order of Malta has 13,500 members worldwide who actively practice the values of Christianity and Christian charity. The Order, headquartered in Rome, maintains diplomatic relations with 113 states and holds Permanent Observer status at the United Nations. Humanitarian initiatives promote health, fight hunger, build resilient communities, and provide emergency relief globally including recently in Gaza and the Ukraine.



Ministry news

The CGA Ministry, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church recently traveled on Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion.



The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, in Wisconsin (formerly Our Lady of Good Help), is the only church-approved Marian apparition site in the United States.

You can read the full story about the Shrine, and Mary's apparitions to Adele Brise, [by clicking here](#).

When you read the second part of Our Blessed Mother's message to Adele Brise, it is as if, heaven is speaking directly to Grandparents, calling each of us in a special way (parents/teachers/catechists too) with these words: "Gather the children...teach them what they should know for salvation...their catechism, the sign of the Cross and how to approach the sacraments. This is what I want you to do. Go and Fear nothing, I will help you."

With Mary's help, our mission, the mission of the CGA, is to 'pass on the faith and help keep prayer at the heart of family life'. How wonderful to receive this encouragement from Mary, Queen of Heaven. Won't you join us as we learn more about this special place, attend Mass together, and have opportunities for personal prayer & reflection?

Blessings,

Colleen Lowery, Ministry Leader



M THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

"What more can I do, dear Lady?" asked Adele, weeping.

"Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation."

"But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?" Adele said.

"Teach them," replied her radiant visitor, **"their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing, I will help you."**

**Kathy Consler, CGA Diocese of Charlotte,
North Carolina, US, Ministry Leader**

November Newsletter

CGA Charlotte Diocese Chapter



November is a time for Remembering.

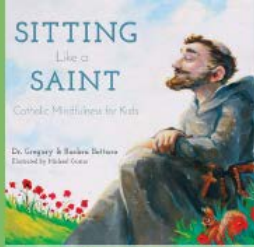
How Do You Want To Be Remembered?

Did you know that by the age of three, a child's brain is twice as active as an adult brain and it stays that way for the first ten years of life. From an intellectual and religious formation standpoint these seven years are the most important.



Resources





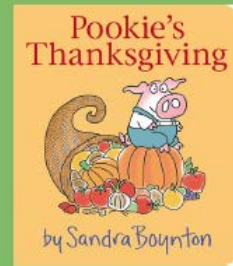
Ages 5-8
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Reading to grandchildren is the #1 thing grandparents



Ages 6-10
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can do with their grandchildren



Ages 1-3
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to insure success later in life!



November Activities

3 Activities for you and your grandchildren.

1. All Saints. Attend Mass and talk about how we are all called to be saints.
2. All Souls. Display pictures of deceased loved ones, light a candle and say a prayer.
3. Thanksgiving. Have each person at table say 1 thing they are thankful for. Say Grace.



What's in for you next month?

December 13: St Lucy Day Celebration For Grandparents and their Grandchildren
A Pageant, Activities, Refreshments and more!



PRAYING FOR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

5 Things to Do Before Prayers for My Grandchildren



As a grandparent, one of the joys of life is getting to know your grandchildren. And as they grow older, you may find yourself wanting to pray for them more often. But before you start praying for your grandchildren, there are a few things you should do first. Here are 5 things to do before prayers for my grandchildren:

[Click here to read](#)

PASS ON THE FAITH

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
TO CONTINUE OUR WORK**



BIG OR SMALL - IT ALL COUNTS

Please make an offering - Keep us going

**MAKE THIS MOMENT COUNT
FOR THE FAITH OF OUR
GRANDCHILDREN**

**WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER - ITS NOW OR
NEVER - TOGETHER WE CANNOT FAIL**

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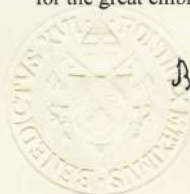




PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!



Benedictus II in

*Universal Prayer for Grandparents
composed by Pope Benedict XVI
for The Catholic Grandparents Association
2008*

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SEND YOUR IDEAS



STORIES

GRANDCHILD'S PRAYER



IDEAS

YOUR CGA NEWS



TOPICS YOU WOULD
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We Need You

We urgently need Volunteers and members in all areas of the globe.

Please reach out and tell a friend about our organisation; perhaps join a ministry in your Parish, or start your own Ministry. For further info contact the website www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

WHO WE ARE

We are a worldwide group of people united by a belief in the importance of the vocation of Grandparents. We

assist Grandparents in providing a crucial link in passing on the Faith.

Grandparents were never as important to the family, church and society as they are today.

Grandparents treasure their Faith, they are concerned about the future, and want to ensure the Faith is passed on.

OUR MISSION

To help Grandparents pass on the Faith and to keep prayer at the heart of family life.



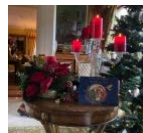
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CGA Christmas Decoration

A Beautiful Christmas Decoration
St. Joachim, St. Anne, Jesus –
Bless All Grandparents



CGA Christmas Card – Pack of 6

Wishing You a Happy and Holy Christmas



Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents

This is a beautiful memento version of the wonderful prayer written at our request by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.



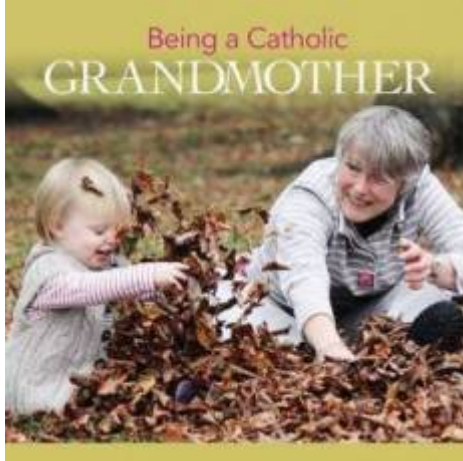
CGA Brooch

Our popular brooches are available to order. These are typically ordered by our ministry leaders and as gifts for Grandparents.

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**There is a candle lighting for all of your intentions
at the Shrine of our Lady of Knock in Ireland**



**Monthly Masses are offered for your
intentions and prayers**

***May St. Joachim and St. Anne,
parents of Mary, Grandparents of
Jesus Bless us All***

Visit our website



God Bless all children and grandchildren as they return to School and College, protect them, keep them safe and well.



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